



# **MASTER OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**

The Master of Computer Science is a graduate degree credential that builds skill and knowledge in advanced topics of computer science. The degree is suitable for students with a baccalaureate degree in a computing-related field as well as students who want to demonstrate computer science expertise in addition to a degree in another field. The program fosters students' independent study and research capabilities so that graduates from this program could be inspired to pursue a doctoral degree in computer science or related fields; or pursue careers in business, industry, or government. Students pursuing Master of Science degree may concentrate their studies in any one of the following areas of emphasis: 1-Operating Systems and Architecture 2-Computational Science 3-Programming Languages and Software engineering 4- Digital Data Communications 5- Data Analytics and Data Mining.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There is a high demand and low availability of skilled professionals in the field of computer science, especially for roles that require more education than a bachelor's degree. Earning your master's degree in computer science could help you reach your career goals. By broadening your skills and becoming familiar with a broader range of languages, systems, and processes, an advanced degree can help set you apart from the competition, and potentially land a higher starting salary.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1-Applicant must meet all entrance requirements of Graduate School. 2-Applicant must have a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. Special admission will be considered for applicants with B.S. degrees from related fields, where appropriate. 3- An overall GPA of 2.7 is required. TOEFL score is required for International students. GRE is required for every student.

### **DEGREE REQUIREMENT**

Thesis and special project options are available. Students must complete and successfully defend the thesis or the special project. Thesis option requires 24 hours coursework and 6 hours thesis research. Special Project option requires 30 hours coursework and 6 hours project design. In addition, the Department's Graduate Comprehensive Examination is a requirement for non-thesis option students. A grade "B" or better is required for each core courses. The program requires an overall 3.0 GPA for graduation.

### **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

The Department offers graduate assistantships for eligible students who show outstanding potential. These working assistantships are competitively awarded typically for an academic year and are based on availability of funds.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

For more detailed information, please refer to the Southern University Graduate School website: <u>http://www.subr.edu/page/1567</u>

